

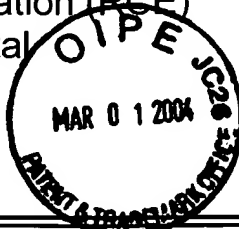
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AMENDMENT B

Sir:

This amendment is filed with a request for continued examination. Please amend the application as follows.